

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A method for ~~treating acne~~ reducing a number of non-inflammatory acne lesions comprising the step of topically applying a dermatological composition to the non-inflammatory acne lesions ~~said acne~~, wherein said dermatological composition comprises dapsone.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition comprises dissolved dapsone and microparticulate dapsone.

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a semisolid aqueous gel.

Claim 8 (original): The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a cream.

Claim 9 (original): The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a lotion.

Claim 10 (original): The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a suspension.

Claim 11 (original): The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is an ointment.

Claim 12 (original): The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a spray.

Claim 13 (original): The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition further comprises an additive selected from the group consisting of a preservative, an antioxidant, a fragrance, a colorant, and a sunscreen.

Claim 14 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a semisolid aqueous gel.

Claim 15 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a cream.

Claim 16 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a lotion.

Claim 17 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a solution.

Claim 18 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is an ointment.

Claim 19 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a spray.

Claim 20 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition further comprises an additive selected from the group consisting of a preservative, an antioxidant, a fragrance, a colorant, and a sunscreen.

Claim 21 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition comprises 3% dapsone.

Claim 22 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition comprises 5% dapsone.

Claim 23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (canceled)

Claim 25 (Currently amended): A method for treating non-inflammatory acne comprising topically applying a dermatological composition to the non-inflammatory acne, wherein said dermatological composition comprises dapsone.

Claim 26 (canceled)